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[Abstract:] Invites order for a Gatling gun for the Mint through the War Dept.

Office of Gatling Gun Company, Hartford, Conn., U.S.A. May 22, 1879

Superintendent of U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In the Deficiency bill passed by the last Congress, (act approved Mch. 3, 1879) it is provided that the War Dept. upon requisition from the Treasury Dept., shall furnish such arms as may be desired, for the protection of public buildings, property &c.

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